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PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES SUMMARY OF UPDATE

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Item	Title	Proposed Update
A3.4.1.	Eligibility for oral hearing	Reviews will generally be conducted by way of "read and review" alone or a read and review with additional inquiries. In particular, reviews where the issue is purely medical, legal or policy and the facts are not at issue, will normally be handled in this manner. In other situations where, it is necessary or convenient to obtain information orally, this will, where possible, be done through additional inquiries under Item A3.3 of this Manual rather than through an oral hearing. However, there may be compelling reasons for holding an oral hearing in a specific case, notably such as where the credibility of a party or a witness is an important issue, or where there are significant facts in dispute.